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Tennessee Crop and Livestock Rankings

Tennessee continues to be an important contributor to American agriculture, as evidenced by recent releases from the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Highlighting these reports, Tennessee was second in meat goat inventory, third in tobacco production and fresh market tomato production, fifth in snapbean production and hay (all other except alfalfa) production and eighth in cotton. In livestock inventory, beef cows ranked ninth and all cattle and calves ranked fifteenth.

Crop Production: Tennessee's Rank Among States, 2010

Crops	Units	Number of States Estimating	Tennessee Rank	Production (000)
Tobacco	lbs.	10	3	45,740
Tomatoes, Fresh Mkt.	cwt.	16	3	1,426
Snapbeans, Fresh Mkt.	cwt.	11	5	403
All Other Hay (except Alfalfa)	tons	48	5	4,095
All Cotton ¹	bales	17	8	680
Squash, Fresh & Processed	cwt.	12	12	42
Soybeans	bu.	31	16	43,710
Corn for Grain	bu.	41	20	74,880
Winter Wheat	bu.	42	21	9,540
Apples	lbs.	32	27	7,500
Corn for Silage	tons	48	28	720
Alfalfa Hay	tons	42	33	51

¹ 480 lbs. net weight bales.

Livestock Inventory: Tennessee's Rank Among States, 2010

Livestock ¹	Number of States Estimating	Tennessee Rank	Inventory (000 Head)
Meat Goats	50	2	115
Beef Cows that have calved	50	9	990
All Cattle and Calves	50	15	1,990
Milk Goats	50	16	8
All Hogs and Pigs	50	23	170
Milk Cows that have calved	50	30	50
Sheep and Lambs	50	30	35
All Chickens, excluding Broilers	50	32	2,830

¹ Cattle, Sheep and Lambs, Meat Goats, and Milk Goats are as of January 1, 2011. Chickens and Hogs are as of December 1, 2010.

Trout Value of Sales Decreased 5 Percent from 2009

The total value of fish sales received by trout growers in the United States totaled 71.3 million dollars for 2010, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. Idaho accounted for 49 percent of the total value of fish sold. The number of trout 12 inches and longer sold during 2010 totaled 38.7 million fish, down 5 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.39, up 1 cent from 2009. The value of sales for the 2010 marketing year was 63.1 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2009. For trout 12 inches or longer, 64 percent were sold to processors and 17 percent were sold for recreational stocking.

The number of 6"- 12" trout sold during 2010 totaled 5.27 million fish, a decrease of 5 percent from 2009. The average price per pound was \$3.14 during 2010, up 26 cents from the 2009 price. The total value of sales was 6.34 million dollars during 2010, a 4 percent decrease from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout were for recreational stocking accounting for 50 percent of total sales, followed by wholesale to other producers with 22 percent.

The number of 1"- 6" trout sold during 2010 totaled 8.78 million, a 26 percent increase from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$218 during 2010, down from \$232 in 2009. The total value of sales was 1.92 million dollars, up 18 percent from last year's total.

Chickens: Inventory and Value, Tennessee and United States, December 1, 2009¹ and 2010

Species	Tennessee			United States		
	2009	2010	% Prev. Year	2009	2010	% Prev. Year
	1,000			1,000		
Chickens, excluding broilers	2,808	2,830	101	451,793	454,506	101
Total Layers	1,506	1,600	106	341,005	342,451	100
Total Pullets	1,091	1,038	95	102,301	104,665	102
Other Chickens, excluding broilers	211	192	91	8,487	7,390	87
Value per Head ²	6.60	6.90	105	3.34	3.52	105
Total Value ²	18,533	19,527	105	1,507,533	1,599,726	106

¹Revised. ² Dollars.

Livestock Slaughter: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.04 billion pounds in January, up 3 percent from the 3.92 billion pounds produced in January 2010. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, up 1 percent from January 2010. The average live weight was up 11 pounds from the previous year, at 1,301 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 71,800 head, 13 percent below January 2010. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from last year, at 262 pounds. Hog slaughter totaled 9.10 million head, 2 percent above January 2010. The average live weight was up 6 pounds from the previous year, at 278 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 161,100 head, 14 percent below last year. The average live weight was 139 pounds, up 1 pound from January a year ago.

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, January 2010 and 2011

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Tennessee						
Cattle	3.8	4.4	3,171	3,688	852	855
Calves	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hogs	50.2	40.7	23,398	19,063	467	469
Sheep & lambs	0.9	0.6	74	53	85	83
United States						
Cattle	2,707.2	2,735.2	3,480,603	3,544,876	1,290	1,301
Calves	82.8	71.8	19,474	18,278	238	262
Hogs	8,909.7	9,103.7	2,417,827	2,529,725	272	278
Sheep & lambs	186.6	161.1	25,705	22,301	138	139

¹Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter). - Represents zero.

Chicken & Eggs: United States egg production totaled 7.83 billion during January 2011, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.75 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 70 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2011 averaged 342 million, up slightly from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,289 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2010.

All layers in the United States on February 1, 2011 totaled 340 million, up slightly from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 283 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.99 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2011, averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from February 1, 2010.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States
and United States, During January 2010 and 2011**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	1,232	1,304	9,539	9,630	1,908	1,900
Arkansas	3,197	3,432	12,299	12,194	1,976	2,017
Georgia	9,020	8,504	17,654	17,290	2,169	2,180
North Carolina	6,067	5,766	13,183	13,289	2,101	2,047
All Other States ²	259,146	260,939	289,921	289,614	2,306	2,331
United States	278,662	279,945	340,596	342,017	2,268	2,289

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. ² Tennessee is included in all other states total.

Price Received: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in February, at 168 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 4 points (2.4 percent) from January. The Crop Index is up 12 points (6.5 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (2.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for corn, wheat, lettuce, and milk and lower prices for strawberries, cattle, broilers, and broccoli. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of milk, cattle, broilers, and hogs offset decreased marketings of corn, soybeans, wheat, and cotton. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 33 points (24 percent) from February 2010. The Food Commodities Index, at 163, increased 5 points (3.2 percent) from last month and increased 29 points (22 percent) from February 2010.

Prices Received by Farmers: Tennessee & U.S., February 2011 with Comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Tennessee			United States		
		February 2010	January ¹ 2011	February ² 2011	February 2010	January ¹ 2011	February ² 2011

Dollars Per Unit

Field Crops

Corn	bu.	3.97	5.09	5.80	3.55	4.94	5.66
Cotton Lint	lb.	.660	.776	(D)	.650	.822	.883
Soybeans	bu.	9.47	11.10	11.60	9.41	11.60	12.10
Winter Wheat	bu.				4.53	6.37	8.13

Livestock

All beef cattle ³	cwt.				85.70	107.00	106.00
Steers/heifers ³	cwt.				90.50	110.00	109.00
Cows ³	cwt.				51.70	65.00	71.20
Calves ³	cwt.				113.00	136.00	136.00

¹ Entire month. ² Mid-month. (D) – Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. n/a = not available. ³ Prices for Livestock discontinued.

Carol McDonald Named Assistant Commissioner for Agriculture

Tennessee Department of Agriculture Commissioner Julius Johnson today announced the appointment of Carol Coley McDonald as Assistant Commissioner for Policy and Legislation. “Carol has an intimate knowledge of agriculture and rural issues, which will serve the state well as we work to support Governor Haslam’s priorities on rural economic development,” said Johnson. “I’m very pleased that she is joining our staff. She will do a great job in representing the department on legislative and policy matters.”

McDonald will join the department March 21. As assistant commissioner, she will serve as the department’s principal liaison to the Tennessee General Assembly and will direct policy and program development in areas ranging from food safety, pesticides and consumer protection to forestry and agricultural development. McDonald currently is an Extension agent in Smith County where she has served since 2005 as the 4-H program coordinator for events, sponsorships and volunteers. She has also worked in education and has extensive experience in agribusiness as a former owner and partner of Catesa Farms, a large diversified livestock and row crop operation, and C&G Seeds, a seed and chemicals dealer in Riddleton, Tenn.

“I am very honored and excited that Commissioner Johnson has the confidence in my abilities to appoint me to this position,” said McDonald. “My entire life has revolved around agriculture service and this is a great opportunity to continue that service. Agriculture is very near and dear to my heart and I look forward to working with the department.” McDonald previously worked for the department as a statistician, collecting information on farm production in multiple counties for the Census of Agriculture.

She has a bachelor’s degree in Animal Science from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and has been recognized by UT Extension with numerous honors including both Outstanding 4-H Youth Development Agent and Outstanding Agent. She is also a recipient of the Tennessee Farm Bureau’s Young Farmers & Ranchers Outstanding Young Woman Award.

McDonald grew up on a family farm, currently operated by her brothers, in Macon County where they have raised purebred Hereford cattle for forty years. She lives in Carthage and is an active member of the Carthage United Methodist Church. She serves on the Smith County Fair board and was instrumental in re-establishing the fair in 2008.

She has two daughters, Celia, a third-year Pharmacy student at Lipscomb University and Sarah, an Agriculture Economics major at the University of Tennessee.